

STAUNTON.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

The West Augusta Guard and Staunton Artillery, accompanied by the Stonewall band, have gone into camp at Striding Springs, twelve miles from the city. They will give a mask and fancy ball there to-night. A large crowd is expected. The United Brethren also commence a camping-out there to-day. Diamond cut diamond.

G. W. Keiser, of Augusta, grand lecturer, is delivering a series of lectures to the grangers in Southwest Virginia.

Professor Ladd, superintendent of public schools in this city, in his fourth annual report, states that there have been in attendance the past year 576 white and 250 colored children, a total of 826. There were 1,857 children over five years of age in the city. There are fifteen graded schools, of which three are colored. The schools received from the State \$1,323.75 for the year, \$7,962.61; from other sources, \$2,760.53—a total of \$12,046.89, making the average cost for the education of each child per month \$1.37, or \$13.70 a year.

The County Conservative Committee determined on Monday not to call a convention, and shall be a regular Republican ticket in the field. There will be a number of candidates for the Legislature at least a dozen.

The Methodists have just completed a new house of worship at Greenville. The little congregation have shown very commendable zeal. Mr. R. H. Palmer was the moving spirit.

Among the summer visitors in the city is Mrs. Commodore Porter and General Trimble, of Confederate fame.

The grand jury Tuesday found indictments against Rev. Benjamin Downer for performing the marriage ceremony between a white person and a negro, and Mary Goldway and Catherine Gumbaga for intermarrying with negroes.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad has fitted up a pavilion in a beautiful grove at Port Channon, eight miles from the city, on the Valley road, and are running almost daily excursion trains for picnics in the day and dancing-parties at night. It is a very popular resort for the citizens of Staunton, Harrisonburg, and the surrounding country, and promises to be a good investment for the road.

The Baldwin-Augusta fair offers \$160 in silver-plate for the largest and best assortment of farm-produce, \$85 for the second best, and \$55 for the third.

The judges of award are Colonel R. T. Turk, Highland; Mr. C. C. Henshaw, Bates; Captain F. A. Danglerfield and Dr. S. A. Coffman, Rockingham; Colonel R. H. Crank, Albemarle; Mr. J. C. Brawley, Rockbridge; Colonel S. A. McTune and J. N. Van Lear, Esq., Augusta.

A book-and-ladder company was organized at Staunton Tuesday by the election of the following officers: John M. Hardy, commander; B. F. Terry, second commander; Sandy Wilson, secretary; Herbert Stitt, treasurer; B. B. Dull, tillman; William Mahoney, first axman; John Wenn, second axman; M. Stutz, third axman; E. D. Wright, fourth axman.

Morris Chishman, a Mexican-war veteran, died here on Wednesday at the advanced age of ninety-one.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.

PERSONAL—EXCURSION—BUSINESS—FESTIVAL—VIRGINIA MIDLAND WORKSHOPS—RECEIPTS.

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1877.

Our community has recently sustained a loss that will not easily be repaired. I refer to the removal of Rev. C. R. Ross, who for thirty years has been actively engaged in disseminating religious light in the dark places of this country, under the auspices of the Albemarle Colportage and Sunday-School Society. Mr. Ross was peculiarly fitted for the work in which he was engaged, and had hosts of friends, who very much regret his departure. The amount of his disinterested labors for the past thirty years is simply incalculable, but is very appreciable. He goes to Canada to reside with his brother.

Miss Florence Pitman, a highly-intelligent and accomplished young lady, is this week, let for the amount of \$100, on Tuesday night, where she will remain till the middle of October, where she will sail for Yeddo, Japan. She goes out as a missionary, under the auspices of the Episcopal Mission Board, and will occupy the position of teacher in some of the mission schools, and will also give her up for any other cause. It is thought that Miss Little Moon and Miss Nelson will join Miss Pitman and go out together.

Judge Rives of the Western District of Virginia, has been confirmed to his office for three years, with re-election, and is still suffering severely.

An excursion train from Danville to Mount Vernon and Washington passed here on Thursday morning, carrying probably sixty persons from Charlottesville, many of whom were business-men who took advantage of the cheap fare to visit the northern cities.

We have an idea that business will improve somewhat in the fall. It could hardly be more stagnant than it now is. Sunae appears to be the liveliest interest—large quantities of constant demand, and the fair prices. Watermelons are abundant and cheap, and grapes may be had at 3c. per pound. The grape-shippers this year have not realized the prices in the northern markets that they have heretofore, owing doubtless to the increased supply.

The ladies of the Baptist church gave a *76* dance on Wednesday last week, and with the beauty, music, and refreshments furnished pleasurable entertainment. They realized a handsome sum for the church.

The Virginia Midland railroad has actually transferred a portion of its shops to this point, and has rented a portion of the shops to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. The repair-shop, already erected, is a mammoth affair (I tell this for the benefit of our Lynchburg friends), being about twenty feet long by twelve wide, with a majestic height of eight feet. I cannot do justice to its architecture and beauty of construction at this structure in all its magnificence, and considering what a lever it is likely to prove in raising our business, it cannot be wondered at that Lynchburg should howl and lament over its loss, and inscribe "Icubod" upon her walls.

Rev. Mr. Pearson of Alabama, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church on last Sunday, and will preach again to-morrow. He is a fluent, earnest speaker, and preaches the Word in simplicity.

SEVERE STORM IN OHIO—DAMAGE BY LIGHTNING, WIND, AND HAIL.—Cleveland, Aug. 31.—A special train from Cleveland, Ohio, arrived here this morning, bringing news of a severe storm which had passed over this city, doing much damage by lightning, wind, and hail. Several roofs were blown off, trees were broken and uprooted, and the wind and rain completely tore down and carried away the flags and streamers which have decorated the city for the past few days. Several steamers with large excursion parties were ready to leave the harbor, but before they got under way the storm burst.

GREAT FIRE—A MISSOURI TOWN HALF-DESTRUCTED.—The man who said he would burn it down is now in St. Louis, September 1.—A special train from St. Louis, Mo., arrived here this morning, bringing news of a half-million fire, comprising three hotels, and a number of other buildings. The telegraph office, post-office, and express office are in ruins. It originated in a saloon, where a man named Tyler poured oil on a lamp, saying he would burn the d—d town. Tyler is in jail.

BRIGHT YOUNG.—Salt Lake, September 1.—Bright Young will be buried on Sunday. There are ten apostles present and two in Europe. An early selection of a successor to Brigham is not expected.

DEAD.—Quinton, Pa., September 1.—E. L. Davidson died at 11:55 A. M.

Another Letter from the Old White.

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GREENSBORO WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.

August 30, 1877. I have written for the Dispatch a long letter about the origin and history of the old White, the beauty of the surrounding scenery, the walks to "Lover's Leap," &c., the beautiful drives, and the many other attractions which go to make this place an excellent resort for the summer. I have not space to say that while the tenure by which the property is held prevents many permanent improvements which are needed, yet there are judicious repairs made every year, and the grounds and the grand old mountains, which stand sentinel over this bison of health and pleasure, never seemed so lovely as now.

The season is "keeping up" much better this year than usual. There are nearly seven hundred guests here now. There were fifty arrivals to-day, and we hear of many others who are coming—wisely concluding that the summer is the fountain of health. I have been deeply interested in inquiring into the various details of the running of this vast machine, which moves so smoothly and satisfactorily. There are over four hundred employes, about the same number of whom would only make "confusion worse confounded" were it not for the thorough organization of every department and the admirable system with which the whole is worked.

If the time ever comes when this property is divided, and several hotels take the place of this one, the loss to the community will be a loss to the sociability and real enjoyments of the place, which those who appreciate the brilliant company that now gather in the parlor will deeply regret. Some idea of the character of the society may be formed by an enumeration of only a few of the names who have been here this season, as I get it hastily from the register. Among the distinguished Confederate soldiers may be mentioned General J. E. Johnston, who is a center of attraction and admiration; General Stephen D. Lee, of Mississippi, who entered the Virginia army as captain of artillery, and served as lieutenant-general in command of a most important department in the Southwest; General J. A. Early, whose gallant services during the war have been only surpassed by his unswerving loyalty to the right since the surrender; General J. H. Hammond, whose military record is a brilliant prelude to his recent splendid achievements, and who has created great enthusiasm here; General Dabney H. Maury, whose brilliant career in the Southwest is spoken of in the very highest terms by many of his old comrades here.

Among the names of the staff and in command of a brigade: General D. M. Dubose, of Georgia, who served with marked distinction in the Army of Northern Virginia; General P. B. Young, of Georgia; M. Butler, of South Carolina; John A. Land, of West Virginia, and M. W. Gary, of South Carolina, who rode with Stuart, Hampton, the Lees, and other brave comrades to make the brilliant record of the cavalry corps of the Army of Northern Virginia; General J. A. Taylor, of Tennessee, an accomplished officer of the western army; General John Echols, of Virginia; General J. M. St. John, and J. R. Anderson, of Virginia, whose careers are too well known to need further reference; the gallant Captain R. B. Peann, of the Confederate States Army, and a large number of colonels, majors, captains, and private soldiers whose names and deeds belong to our glorious history.

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VIATOR.

Description of the Battle.

LONDON, September 1.—The Times's correspondent with the Turkish army telegraphs the following description of Thursday's battle, apparently from personal observation: Early this morning Nedib Pasha advanced from Adakney, near Rasgrad, with three brigades, two batteries of artillery, two squadrons of cavalry, and one brigade of infantry reserve. Mehmet Ali and Prince Hassan took up a position with their staff on a high hill, immediately north of Yenki, which commands an uninterrupted view from Rasgrad to beyond Osman Pasha. The Russians from their batteries behind Sadana opened fire about 9 o'clock on the advancing Turks. Nedib steadily advanced and entered the burning village of Sadana by 11:30 o'clock. The retreating Russians were hotly pressed. They retired precipitately to Karassan, where they made a vigorous stand. Sabit Pasha created a diversion by attacking Haidarkoi.

The Russians had a battery of three guns to their right, near Haidarkoi. They made splendid practice at the advancing Turks and Egyptians, but these cleverly opened out and advanced. The right and left of the village in a really workmanlike style.

The engagement now became general, and extended over some fifteen miles. A heavy and continued roll of fire of the skirmishers was heard along all the ridges from Bazissler to near Sadana. The Russian cannon was in demand. The Russians made every effort to break the Turkish line, but the energy of their attack. At 5 o'clock the enemy was scurrying out of Haidarkoi, and the horses were trotting up to take the guns out of battery. The Turkish battery just as the guns were taken off. One gun was struck with the last shell.

The Turks cheered, and dashed through the blazing village and away to the left to Popkoi like a pack of hounds. The Russian camps were hastily moved out, two months covering their retreat and making excellent practice. But the Turks and Egyptians still scamped over the ground in the style. The Russians were now in full retreat in every direction, and by sunset the Turks had proved for the second time not only capable of meeting the Russians in the open field, but of driving them from their strongly-entrenched positions. In ten days the Russians have lost the magnificent double positions of the Lom and the Kara-Lom. What may happen next no one knows. It is impossible to tell what forces the Russians have left, nor can their losses be estimated. Probably they were not heavy, except around Karassan, by which name this engagement will be designated by the Turks.

The Times's Vienna dispatch says that the fight for the Shipka Pass is gradually being developed into operations on a large scale.

TURKISH MOVEMENTS.

It seems that since the fall in fighting on Monday the Turks have been preparing a turning movement, for, besides the attempt to turn the position on the Shipka Pass, in the direction of Gabrova, the Turkish forces have been making the last few days on some other line of passage across the Balkans to the east and west of Shipka. One column was seen in the direction of the Kalifa river, to the northeast of Drenova, having probably made its way across by the Triavna Pass. Another is said to have appeared in the